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ILLEGAL ALIEN PLEADS GUILTY

TOPEKA, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Felipe Curiel-Escarrega**, 43, a citizen of Mexico, pleaded guilty Oct. 21, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers.

Curiel-Escarrega **pleaded guilty to one count of illegally entering the United States** at a point near San Luis, Ariz. He was arrested June 23, 2004 in Lyon County, Kan.

Sentencing is set for 2 p.m. Nov. 4 before Judge Rogers.

Curiel-Escarrega faces a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Melgren commended the work of the Kansas Highway Patrol and the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough, who prosecuted the case.